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A news digest for U.S. forces serving overseas

Suspect admits killing U.S. worker in Kuwait

BY CHRIS TOMLINSON

The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — A Kuwaiti civil servant confessed to opening fire on two Americans in Kuwait, killing one and wounding the other, and authorities have found the weapon he used, the Interior Ministry said Thursday.

A Kuwaiti security officer said the suspect, Sami al-Mutairi, 25, was not working alone. And the Interior Ministry, in its statement, said he acknowledged following the ideals of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

Al-Mutairi was arrested at the border with Saudi Arabia as he tried to flee and extradited to Kuwait, the ministry said. His weapon — which previously had been confirmed to be a Kalashnikov — and some ammunition was found at his workplace, according to the statement. It did not say where he worked.

The security officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said al-Mutairi was arrested by Saudi border guards Wednesday. The official said he was a Kuwaiti civil servant and the prime suspect, but that he "had partners, maybe two."

Earlier Thursday, U.S. Embassy spokesman John Moran said the United States hoped investigators would quickly determine whether the assailants "have ties to any larger organization. We call on the government to do everything in its power to protect our citizens from terrorist attack and to prevent any further tragedies."

The Interior Ministry statement did not say al-Mutairi was an al-Qaida member, noting only that "he was interrogated and he confessed he adopts the thought of al-Qaida organization."



JOSEPH GIORDONO/Stars and Stripes

Both Kuwaitis and Americans are mourning an American civilian slain in Kuwait. Shurooq Qabazaid explains why she and others from the Martyrs of Kuwait group laid flowers at the site of Tuesday's shooting.

The shooting was the first assault on U.S. civilians in Kuwait and the third on Americans since October in the oil-rich emirate, where pro-American sentiment is usually strong and where thousands of U.S. troops are assembling ahead of a possible war on Iraq.

The survivor of the attack, David Caraway, was in stable condition Thursday at al-Razi hospital in Kuwait City. His co-worker Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, was killed.

Members of an organization representing the families of Kuwaitis killed during the Iraqi invasion in 1990 left a

wreath at the spot where the Americans were shot.

"We didn't expect this to happen, this is not an act of the Kuwaiti people," said Sharouk Qabazadre, whose father was killed by Iraqi troops. She said the majority of Kuwaitis support and are thankful to the United States for defending Kuwait against Iraq.

A second memorial service held on Camp Doha for base workers was closed to the public. The base is on a heightened state of alert and U.S. troops are only allowed off base for critical business, a U.S. official said.

\$650,000 cash stolen from Camp Doha in Kuwait

The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — U.S. military authorities on Thursday were investigating the theft of \$650,000 from a U.S. military base in Kuwait.

The cash was stolen between Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning from a

U.S. Army building at Camp Doha, 10 miles west of Kuwait City, an Army statement said. The building is used by ARCENT, an Army unit assigned to support the U.S. Central Command, which is responsible for 25 countries in East Africa and southwest Asia.

ARCENT, which is headquartered at Fort McPherson, Ga., has a detachment in Kuwait to support infantry units that train in the desert near the Iraqi border.

The cash is kept to pay non-American civilian workers who provide most of the labor

at the base, the Army statement said. No arrests have been made.

As U.S. forces pour into the emirate, Kuwait could become a launch pad for any war on Iraq. Tens of thousands of troops have already arrived or are en route to Kuwait.

Suspects questioned

ROME — Italian authorities on Thursday interrogated Moroccans detained a day earlier in a raid that turned up explosives and maps reportedly marking churches and a NATO base.

Police arrested five men Wednesday near the northern city of Rovigo after discovering 2.2 pounds of explosives and maps highlighting Padua's Basilica del Santo and the NATO base in Verona in their apartment, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

Plans get new life

NEW YORK — Decades before the World Trade Center was conceived, a revolutionary architect drew plans for a rocketlike skyscraper to be built on that very site. Now, a movement is growing to include his ideas in the redevelopment.

Antoni Gaudi sketched a design in 1908 for a New York hotel that was never built.

The drawing called for a cluster of steel and concrete parabolic towers at varying heights surrounding a central tower that would stand 1,048 feet tall, according to Paul Laffoley, a Boston architect.

Aussies leave port

SYDNEY, Australia — Heckled by peace protesters, Prime Minister John Howard said goodbye Thursday to the first contingent of Australian troops bound for a possible U.S.-led attack on Iraq, but suggested U.N. weapons inspectors should have more time to try to avert war.

Howard, among Washington's staunchest allies, said he had asked President Bush in a 35-minute phone call Wednesday to give the United Nations greater latitude.

Howard ignored the chanting from about 200 peace activists as the transport ship HMAS Kanimbla left Sydney's Garden Island navy base for the Middle East with 350 sailors and troops on board. It will be followed in coming days by elite army commandos, air force personnel and an explosives team.

From The Associated Press

News tracker: What's new with old news

States

United Way accounting: United Way of America leaders have adopted new financial standards designed to improve the organization's accounting practices.

Under the guidelines, approved at a meeting in Phoenix on Wednesday, all local United Way members will report revenue and expenses to the national organization for independent reviews, and the 170 largest United Way chapters will submit annual reports, financial audits and ethics codes for review.

Treasury secretary nomination: Treasury secretary nominee John Snow, pledging his commitment "to the highest standards of ethical conduct," says he will sell off his extensive stock holdings in CSX Corp. and 60 other companies if confirmed by the Senate.

President Bush is convinced Snow will win Senate confirmation, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters, despite revelations that Snow was charged in 1982 with drunken driving and once battled his ex-wife over child custody payments.

While most Republican senators agreed with the White House, several Democrats said they would withhold judgment until Snow appears next Tuesday for his confirmation hearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

Human clones: The vice president of Clonaid, which says it has now cloned three babies, was ordered Wednesday to appear in court next week after refusing to testify in detail about the headline-grabbing claim many experts consider to be a hoax.

The executive, Thomas Kaenzig, said his company wasn't incorporated anywhere and said it had kept him largely ignorant about its operations. He said he didn't know the location of Eve, the baby his company says is the world's first human clone.

Money matters

Bush's economic plan: The public is skeptical about whether President

Bush's new economic stimulus plan will do much to help growth in the economy, according to a new poll.

Only a third, 35 percent, say they expect the stimulus plan will be fairly effective or very effective at helping the economy.

The poll by NBC and The Wall Street Journal released Thursday shows that the president's overall job approval is at 54 percent, down from 62 percent a month ago. About four in 10 disapproved of his handling of his job.

West Coast dock strike: Nearly 90 percent of dockworkers have approved a multibillion dollar deal that formally ended the West Coast port labor dispute that shuttered West Coast ports and hamstringing Pacific Rim trade last fall.

Dockworkers and shipping companies announced separately Wednesday they had overwhelmingly approved a new six-year contract.

Slightly more than 7,400 members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union voted for the deal, with nearly 900 opposed. It was the largest margin of victory for any longshoremen's contract, union officials said. Voter turnout was 85 percent.

War on terrorism

Friendly-fire hearing: A military hearing officer climbed into the cockpit of an F-16 jet for a close look Thursday as defense lawyers opened their case in last year's deadly "friendly fire" bombing of Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

Defense lawyers had the F-16 that was involved in the incident flown to Barksdale from the pilots' Illinois Air National Guard base, saying the plane is part of their argument that much of the testimony in the hearing thus far came from desk-bound military brass with no air combat experience.

It was one of the planes that was based at the same Kuwaiti air base from which Schmidt and Umbach flew their mission.

Navy deployment: Three more ships based at Pearl Harbor are being sent to

the Persian Gulf region, but the crew of one will be returning to Hawaii.

The guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton and the frigate USS Reuben James are deployed as part of the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier battle group, Navy spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell said Wednesday.

As part of the Navy's "Sea Swap" program, a third ship, the USS Fletcher, will stay deployed with another crew while its Pearl Harbor-based crews return home, Campbell said.

CIA recruitment: The CIA has begun a recruitment drive aimed at hiring Americans of Arab descent to help with the fight against terrorism, agency officials said.

The intelligence agency began placing newspaper advertisements last weekend in newspapers in New York, Washington, Los Angeles, Tampa, Florida, and Detroit — all communities with sizable Arab-American populations, officials said Wednesday. Other newspapers will follow.

Doomsday cult: The doomsday cult accused in the deadly 1995 Tokyo subway gas attack still is considered a threat and must remain under police surveillance for at least three more years, Japanese authorities said Thursday.

The current three-year surveillance of Aum Shinrikyo, whose leaders were held responsible for killing 12 people and injuring thousands in the attack, expires Jan. 31.

The sect's dangerous beliefs and antisocial behavior have remained unchanged despite the convictions of its leaders for the crimes, said the Public Security Examination Commission.

London traffic plans: London Mayor Ken Livingstone had a narrow escape Thursday from a barrage of custard pie-throwing clowns angry at his new traffic-reduction plans.

The clowns from Zippo's Circus say a new charge on motorists driving into central London will hurt their touring show. Several lay in wait for the mayor outside London's riverside City Hall on Thursday morning.

From wire reports

Rumsfeld irks French, Germans

The Associated Press

BERLIN — German and French officials fired back angrily Thursday at Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's dismissal of their governments as the "old Europe," and said the comments underscored America's arrogance as it prepares for possible war with Iraq.

Rumsfeld also said that German and French positions had proved to be a "problem" that had not been created by "vast numbers of other countries in Europe. They're not with France and Germany on this. They're with the United States," Rumsfeld said at a briefing Wednesday.

"We should try to treat each other sensibly," said

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer. "Our position is not a problem; it is a constructive contribution," he said as he left for a tour of Turkey and the Middle East in an attempt to cool the crisis.

The spat erupted after the two European powers on Wednesday unveiled a joint anti-war stance on Iraq, forcing the NATO alliance to delay planning for a possible support role in an Iraqi invasion.

French Finance Minister Francis Mer said he was "profoundly vexed" by the remarks.

"I wanted to remind everyone that this 'old Europe' has resilience and is capable of bouncing back," Mer said. "And it will show it, in time."

Martine Aubry, a French Socialist leader and influential former labor minister, said Rumsfeld's comments "show once again a certain arrogance of the United States."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and French President Jacques Chirac were engaged in celebrations marking 40 years of German-French postwar reconciliation as Rumsfeld said their countries represented Europe of the past.

"You're thinking of Europe as Germany and France. I don't," Rumsfeld said in his remarks. "I think that's old Europe. If you look at the entire NATO Europe today, the center of gravity is shifting to the east and there are a lot of new members."

What's next for Iraq

Bush creates office to plot the future

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's plans for an Iraq without Saddam Hussein envision the U.S. military seizing weapons of mass destruction, maintaining civil order, overhauling Iraq's security forces — and perhaps even overseeing critical political reforms.

But the president has not decided whether the Pentagon, a civilian administrator or officials from the United Nations and other countries should coordinate that political transformation to democracy, officials said Wednesday night.

"The U.S. will be committed to stay as long as necessary to help the Iraqi people to get a good start in rebuilding their country, and will be equally committed to leave as soon as this objective has been achieved," National Security Council spokesman Sean McCormack said.

The post-Saddam plans could be implemented all at once or in stages, as coalition forces liberate sections of Iraq, officials said. Bush has not decided whether to go to war, but aides said he wants to be ready.

Bush recently created a Pentagon-based office to help rebuild Iraq's schools, roads, hospitals and other critical building blocks of a civil society.

The office, consisting of two dozen to three dozen federal experts and headed by retired Army Lt. Gen. Jay M. Garner, may be deployed to the Persian Gulf in advance of any conflict and would move into Iraq almost immediately after the fighting stops.

The effort will draw federal workers from virtually every major federal agency, including the Education Department. Their job will be to assess Iraq's resources now and, if war is waged, be ready to help the nation get back on its feet by coordinating assistance from the U.S. government, other nations, private corporations and nongovernmental agencies.

"There are an awful lot of people in and out of government spending an awful lot of time working on it," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said this week when asked about managing post-Saddam Iraq.

Garner had a leading role

in Operation Provide Comfort, the post-Gulf War effort to aid displaced Kurds and the refugees who fled into the mountains along the Turkish border.

Rumsfeld said Garner was brought in to "begin the process of thinking through all of the kinds of things that would be necessary in the early period," particularly in terms of humanitarian assistance and civil affairs.

Bush wants Iraqis — both in exile and currently under Saddam's rule — to be given an immediate advisory role in writing a Constitution, adopting legal reforms, rewriting laws to spur economic investment and building the other cornerstones of a democratic society, officials said. The goal is to steadily increase Iraqi involvement until they take control of a new, democratic government.

Officials said it is impossible to predict how long the transition will last.

The White House, by planning to take an early and leading role in a post-Saddam Iraq, hopes to avoid a repeat of efforts to rebuild Afghanistan, where a division of responsibility among many nations led to confusion and inefficiencies.

Ridge confirmed

WASHINGTON — Tom Ridge won unanimous Senate confirmation Wednesday as the first secretary of homeland security, taking on the daunting task of building from scratch a vast new federal agency while moving quickly to head off terrorist threats.

The Senate voted 94-0 to endorse the former Pennsylvania governor, but only after signaling that Ridge will be held accountable for protecting civil liberties as he embarks on the mission of protecting the nation from terrorists. The vote came just two days before the new department is to come into being.

Heard in Iraq

ARLINGTON, Va. — Pentagon press conferences will be broadcast into Iraq via Commando Solo, a U.S. military aircraft that is designed to transmit psychological operations messages into enemy airspace, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Wednesday.

Rumsfeld made the announcement at a special press conference in Washington that was for non-U.S. press only. That conference, he said, was the first to be carried "live to the Iraqi people."

The secretary characterized his interactions with reporters who cover the Pentagon as "democracy in action; freedom in action." The decision to broadcast the conferences was made "because the truth matters," Rumsfeld said.

Some Pentagon reporters said they were uncomfortable with the new broadcast policy.

"It's a legitimate concern that somehow [the press] could be used to promote the administration's message," said Robert Burns, senior military reporter for The Associated Press. "Now we're players. It could be an issue."

But other reporters shrugged.

"What can we do about it? It's a free world. They [the Bush administration] can do anything they want," said a print reporter who declined to be identified.

From wire and staff reports

Pentagon calls up most Guard and reserve troops since 9/11

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 20,000 National Guard and reserve forces reported for active duty this week as the Pentagon continued its buildup for a possible war with Iraq.

It was the biggest one-week jump in mobilizations for overseas or domestic duty since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that more reserves will be called but that the number would not rise dramatically

unless President Bush decides to go to war to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Under an order signed by Bush three days after the 2001 terrorist attacks, up to 1 million Guard and reserve forces can be called to serve for up to two years. But Myers said that if war is averted the mobilization total would not exceed 100,000.

He said that if Bush chooses to use military force in Iraq "then the reserve numbers would be potentially quite high." He would not give a specific figure but said press reports of 250,000 are "way off base."

In its weekly report on mobilizations, the Defense Department said that the Army, Navy and Marine Corps each announced an increase of reservists on active duty over the past week, while the Air Force had a slight drop.

The total on active duty, which can go up or down from week to week, now stands at 78,906, said Lt. Col. Dan Stoneking, a Pentagon spokesman.

"The president and secretary of defense have stated already how vital the gGuard and reserve are to our military's success and national security," Stoneking said.

Soldier sentenced

WÜRZBURG, Germany — A Kitzingen-based Army private was demoted, fined and sentenced to six months' confinement for a drunken-driving accident that nearly killed one of his fellow soldiers.

On Wednesday, a court-martial panel of three officers and three senior noncommissioned officers ordered Pvt. Jeffrey Stewart, 22, demoted to E-1 and to forfeit all his pay during his jail term.

Stewart, of the 701st Main Support Battalion, crashed his BMW into two parked cars and a light pole. He and two other passengers walked away almost unscathed, but Sgt. Twannia Mason-Sherman suffered a severe head injury and spent 67 days in a neurological intensive-care unit.

Wiesbaden military police said Stewart smelled of alcohol, failed a sobriety test, and registered a blood-alcohol level of between .051 and .055 when tested about 4½ hours after the accident.

New counsel

NAHA, Okinawa — Two outspoken critics of Japan's legal system have taken over the defense of Marine Maj. Michael Brown.

Now representing Brown against charges he attempted to rape a woman who gave him a ride as he left Camp Courtney Nov. 2:

■ Michael Griffith, a New York attorney and a persistent and pointed critic of how the U.S. military treats servicemembers accused of crimes in Japan. Griffith probably is best known for representing Billy Hayes, the real-life protagonist of the film "Midnight Express," a young American subjected to harsh prison conditions in Turkey for smuggling hashish.

■ Toshimitsu Takaesu, a former Okinawa chief prosecutor and a foreign law consultant for a Seattle law firm. After visiting Brown at Naha Detention Center on Monday, Takaesu said the family hired him to replace Okinawa attorney Masayuki Akamine, who could not be reached for comment.

The woman claims Brown asked for a ride home but instead directed her to a deserted road near the base and attacked her.

From staff reports

Texas copter crash kills 4

The Associated Press

FALCON HEIGHTS, Texas — Two Marine helicopters helping Border Patrol agents on an anti-drug mission crashed late Wednesday, killing all four reservists on board.

"We heard a loud boom and all of a sudden the engines in helicopters quit, so I went outside and looked and there was a ball of fire," said resident Larry Shoal.

"There was nobody that could have survived that," the 67-year-old said Thursday morning. "There was no way to help them."

The Marines were in AH1W Super Cobra helicopters flying above Falcon State Park in far South Texas, near the Mexican border, at the time of the crash about 9:30 p.m.

Each helicopter carried a crew of two Marine reservists and there were no survivors, said Armando Carrasco, a spokesman for Joint Task Force Six, a Department of Defense unit that helps the Border Patrol in counter-drug efforts.

"The helicopters are lying right on the road," he said.

He said the wreckage was about 50 to 100 yards from the park entrance.

Marine Corps spokesman Capt. Joe Kloppel said he had no immediate information on what might have caused the crash. A collision was certainly a possibility, he said, but that had not been confirmed.

The crews were based in Camp Pendleton, Calif., but were operating out of Fort Bliss, an Army post in El Paso, Texas.

Identities were withheld pending notification of relatives.

German troops to guard U.S. military facilities

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — The German Ministry of Defense will dispatch at least 2,600 troops to U.S. military communities over the next couple of weeks, a deployment that could begin as early as Friday, a ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Corresponding with the U.S. military buildup in the Middle East, the German troops would provide security and other force protection measures in the event of war with Iraq.

The spokesman said the first contingent, numbering nearly 300, represents the vanguard of a larger force that would assume responsibility for force protection at dozens of U.S. installations between now and mid-February.

While the German government wants U.N. weapons inspectors to have more time to continue their work in Iraq, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has said his nation would safeguard U.S. bases and personnel if war breaks out in Iraq.

"Our chancellor has said we will support you in several tasks, especially in the vigilance of protecting U.S. Army

barracks," said the spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The spokesman did not immediately know if German troops would also be dispatched to U.S. Air Force bases.

While the troop commitment could well surpass 2,600, the spokesman said some estimates in the German press are too high. One recent article stated that about 7,000 German troops would be sent to about 95 locations.

German troops fulfilled a similar roll in the aftermath of the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. About 800 German soldiers were sent to help guard dozens of U.S. installations from October 2001 to February 2002.

Since then, Army National Guard units from the United States have deployed to Germany to beef up security at U.S. bases and to give the active-duty force a break from guard duty. A task force led by the Pennsylvania National Guard is in the process of re-deploying back to the United States after a six-month stint in Europe.

Based on earlier assurances from the German government, the United States brought up the issue this past

fall when Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld met with his German counterpart, Peter Struck, in Washington.

U.S. Army Europe and German military officials hashed out the details in meetings held in December and early January, said Elke Herberger, a USAREUR spokeswoman.

"The plan is to have them [all in place] by Feb. 17," Herberger said.

German troops could begin pulling guard duty and going out on patrol as recently as Friday in a couple of communities, Herberger confirmed. That timeline might get pushed back a day or two as some last-minute issues are worked out, such as access to military dining halls and exchanges.

"The Bundeswehr is on standby" to deploy, Herberger said.

Officials are also working on how best to incorporate private security guards into the force protection picture.

Some U.S. military communities are already preparing to receive the German troops. The issue was a topic of discussion at town hall meetings Wednesday in Wiesbaden and Würzburg.

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Yokosuka drill focuses on nerve gas attack

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Stars and Stripes

Yokosuka Naval Base firefighters got to practice containing a nerve gas attack Tuesday when they joined local Japanese police and defense personnel in a terrorism drill.

The Miura Peninsula Area Joint Disaster Prevention Drill involved a simulated sarin nerve gas attack — and the fallout of having to treat victims and contain the area.

The exercise was part of an annual joint disaster prevention drill, said Shuichi Ushio, from Yokosuka city's fire department disaster prevention division.

The two-part training involved four cities and one town and included a special disaster portion, of which the terrorism drill was part. Other events, including a range of standard firefighting drills, also were held.

Peter Novick, emergency management officer for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan, said Yokosuka Naval Base's fire department was invited as part of its mutual firefighting assistance agreement. CNFJ oversees all the fire departments on bases in Japan.

"They went from drill to drill. They finished one and then rolled right into the next one," he said. "We're all out there to do a variety of drills, from earthquake response to chemical attack."

Novick said holding drills around the anniversary of the 1995 Kobe earthquake is typical.

The chemical terror attack drill took

place in Yokosuka city. Hidemi Nagao, a CNFJ spokesman, said the city erected a fake building for the exercise, which was premised on a gas being spread in the lobby.

"Then it turned out to be a kind of terrorist attack," he said. Kanagawa Prefectural police and fire departments were the first called in, Nagao said. Then the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force, which has a unit specially trained to cope with such attacks, was summoned.

Russ Tarver, deputy fire marshal for Yokosuka Naval Base, said firefighters from the main base conducted a hazardous material response to the simulated sarin gas attack.

He said 14 people from main base and Ikego fire departments took part, deploying two fire pumpers, a HAZMAT van and a command vehicle. The firefighters from Ikego responded to a burning-building drill with fire departments from Zushi and Hiyama cities, he said.

This is the second terror attack drill the cities held. Last year, they staged a terror attack on a bus, Ushio said.

"With the September terrorism attacks two years ago and what is happening in the society in recent years ... we wanted to strengthen regional coordination with different organizations in a case of disaster," he said.

More than 30 organizations, including the Yokosuka Doctors' Association, Yokosuka Hospital and Yokosuka Nurses Association, took part in the drills, according to Ushio.

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Pedestrian dies in accident

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — A South Korean employee driving a U.S. Army vehicle struck and killed a 45-year-old hearing-impaired woman Tuesday in Bupyoung while she crossed the street against a red light, a South Korean police official said.

Park Tae-hun, who sustained a skull fracture and serious head injuries, was hospitalized after the 12:30 p.m. accident, said Lee Un-chong, an emergency room doctor at Song Mo Chai-ae Hospital. Park died around 4 p.m., Lee said.

The driver of the truck, Park Sang-jin,

31, was arrested and remains in police custody, said police officer Kim Kyong-min. He could be charged with negligent homicide for failing to see Park Tae-hun, Kim said.

The driver's case will be forwarded to prosecutors in two or three days, Kim said. In South Korea, drivers can be held liable and criminally charged for accidents even if pedestrians are at fault, Kim said.

Park Sang-jin has worked for the Army Air Force Exchange Service at Camp Market since March 1996, according to information provided by AAFES.

From staff reports

Smallpox vaccines headed to Pacific bases

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Pacific's first smallpox vaccines are expected to arrive at Yokota Air Base by Jan. 31.

Health officials said medical personnel will be the first to be vaccinated.

Maj. Alice Chapman, public health flight commander, 374th Medical Group, said the vaccine was sent to Air Force bases worldwide around Jan. 13. At Yokota, the first smallpox inoculations probably will be administered in early February, "assuming we get our vaccine by the end of the month," Chapman said.

But officials at Misawa Air Base and Guam's Andersen Air Force Base said this week they have yet to receive the vaccine. No timetables have been established.

In response to a query, officials at Okinawa's Kadena Air Base wrote in an e-mail to *Stripes*: "At this time we cannot discuss details of the smallpox vaccination program."

But an article this week in Kadena's base paper, the *Shogun*, reported that the 18th Medical Group will begin vaccinations for Air Force members at Kadena later this month.

Maj. Scott Hebrink, 18th Medical Group Public Health Flight commander, was quoted as saying that the first to be vaccinated will be more than three dozen members of the medical group — those the Air Force calls vaccinator cadres — who will be responsible for giving the vaccine to other Air Force members at Kadena.

The cadre members at Kadena and a smallpox medical team at Camp Lester top the priority list on Okinawa. They will be followed by other priority groups as the Defense Department continues implementing the program, the *Shogun* quotes Hebrink as saying.

Shots for noncadre members, to begin after the cadre vaccinations are complete, will continue for at least a year until all active-duty Air Force members at Kadena are vaccinated, the base newspaper said.

The Air Force is using a prescreening questionnaire to determine who might be exempt from the vaccination, Hebrink told the *Shogun*. The form is available under the "Forms" icon at the DOD smallpox Web site: www.smallpox.army.mil/resource. Anyone who answers "yes" or "unsure" to a question on the form will not receive the vaccine without further medical evaluation, Hebrink is quoted as saying.

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Nominee won't take job

WASHINGTON — A Christian activist chosen by the White House for a presidential AIDS advisory panel is withdrawing his name under pressure after characterizing the disease as the "gay plague," along with other anti-homosexual statements.

The administration had chosen Jerry Thacker to serve on the Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV and AIDS.

On Thursday, however, Thacker was sending a letter signaling that he would not accept the appointment, administration officials said.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer, while neither confirming nor denying the withdrawal, issued a stern rebuke of Thacker's statements.

"The views that he holds are far, far removed from what the president believes," Fleischer said. "The president has a total opposite view. ... The president's view is that people with AIDS need to be treated with care, compassion."

Thacker contracted the AIDS virus after his wife was infected during a blood transfusion received during childbirth. Their daughter also is HIV-positive.

Thacker, a graduate of Bob Jones University, is founder of the Scepter Institute. At one point, his biography on the Scepter Web site referred to AIDS as the "gay plague." It now calls AIDS a "plague."

Thacker has referred to gay people as practicing a "deathstyle," rather than a lifestyle, and has described homosexuality as a sin that can be cured by Christianity.

Nell Carter dead at 54

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Nell Carter, who played the sassy, matronly housekeeper on the 1980s sitcom "Gimme a Break!" and received a Tony Award for her performance in the Broadway musical "Ain't Misbehavin'," died Thursday, her publicist said. She was 54.

The singer-actress collapsed in her Beverly Hills home and was found by one of her 13-year-old sons, spokesman Roger Lane said.

Carter had suffered from diabetes for years, Lane said, and underwent brain surgery in 1992 to remove an aneurysm. She recovered and continued to perform, mostly on stage.

Carter was in rehearsals at a Long Beach theater for "Raisin," the musical version of "Raisin in the Sun."

In addition to Carter's Tony win for "Ain't Misbehavin'," she won an Emmy in 1982 for the TV version.



Carter

From The Associated Press

Cartoonist Mauldin, dead at 81, was voice of soldiers in WWII

BY PATRICK J. DICKSON

Stars and Stripes

As they trudged back home from the trenches of World War II, U.S. soldiers would tell stories of how they knew they couldn't lose because they had a secret weapon on their side.

It wasn't a gun or a bomb, but a fellow soldier named Bill Mauldin, who took pen to paper and depicted the horrors of war, often with sharp-edged humor.

Mauldin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist best known for his drawings in *Stars and Stripes*, died Wednesday. He was 81.

One of the 20th century's pre-eminent editorial cartoonists, Mauldin died of complications from Alzheimer's disease at a Newport Beach, Calif., nursing home, said Andy Mauldin, one of the cartoonist's seven sons.

Mauldin, who was an Army rifleman, drew a pair of tired and downtrodden soldiers named Willie and Joe, whose wry observations of life on Europe's front lines were loved by soldiers and loathed by many in command, including Gen. George S. Patton.

William Henry Mauldin was born Oct. 29, 1921, in Mountain Park, N.M., the son of a hard-drinking jack-of-all-trades who moved the family around the Southwest and northern Mexico during the Depression in search of work.

At 13, Mauldin saw an ad for a correspondence course in cartooning in *Popular Mechanics* magazine that claimed one could earn as much as \$100,000 a year. Mauldin borrowed the \$20 tuition from his grandmother and enrolled. A teacher in high school helped him further nurture his talent, and he attended the Academy of Fine Art in Chicago.

Mauldin enlisted in the Army in 1940 and, assigned as a rifleman to the 180th Infantry, started drawing cartoons depicting training camp for the Division News, the newspaper for the 45th Division.

Once Mauldin's 45th Division shipped overseas, *Stars and Stripes* began publishing his drawings.

Mauldin called himself "as independent as a hog on ice," and his nonconformist approach occasionally brought him trouble from the top.



Mauldin

Meeting Patton

A meeting between Patton and Mauldin was arranged after Patton threatened to stop distribution of *Stars and Stripes* in 3rd Army areas because of cartoons and photographs which depicted soldiers in "unsoldierly" appearance.

Mauldin recalled the meeting in his book, "The Brass Ring," published in 1972: "Now then, sergeant, about those pictures you draw, where did you ever see soldiers like that? You know damn

well you're not drawing an accurate representation of the American soldier. You make them look like bums. No respect for the Army, their officers or themselves."

Patton grilled Mauldin about his cartoons, finally telling Mauldin that they "understand each other now."

Mauldin wrote: "Years later, I read of Patton's reaction when [Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's aide, Navy Capt. Harry] Butcher read my account of the meeting to him over the phone. When he quoted me as saying I hadn't changed the general's mind, there was a chuckle. When he came to the part about his not changing my mind, either, there was a high-pitched explosion and more talk about throwing me in jail if I ever showed up again in 3rd Army."

After the war

After he left the military, Mauldin did freelance work. He joined the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* in 1958, and moved to the *Chicago Sun-Times* in 1962.

It was at the *Sun-Times* that he drew one of his most poignant and famous cartoons when President Kennedy was assassinated. The drawing showed a grieving Abraham Lincoln, his hands covering his face, at the Lincoln Memorial.

But for World War II veterans, Mauldin will be best remembered for uplifting their spirits during the darkest days of the war.

Mauldin is survived by former wives Jean Mauldin and Christine Lund and all of his sons. Funeral arrangements were incomplete, but burial is planned in Arlington National Cemetery.

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Talks between Koreans bog down over nukes

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North and South Korea remained divided early Friday over North Korea's suspected development of nuclear weapons, as high-level talks bogged down over the wording of a joint statement the South insists should address the dispute.

The Cabinet-level talks in Seoul were the first in months between the two countries, and South Korea had pledged to make them a forum for insisting North Korea scrap nuclear programs that could be used to make atomic weapons.

Talks went into early Friday morning, with South Korean negotiators pushing their Northern counterparts to make a statement outlining specific steps to peacefully settle the international standoff.

A joint declaration had been expected as early as Thursday afternoon.

During a Thursday dinner break, top negotiators said they had made some progress in resolving the security concerns and increasing cooperation between the North and South, which have been separated since 1945.

"In the remaining session, both delegations — as they have until now — will try

their best," said the South Korean delegation leader, Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun. "Most of all, we must completely remove the security concerns which have been formed on the Korean Peninsula recently."

North Korean delegation leader Kim Ryong Song said it was vital to "prevent the danger of war on the Korean Peninsula and preserve the safety of the nation."

The talks were to wrap up later Friday morning, when the Northern delegation was to head back to Pyongyang.

The meetings are seen as a chance for South Korea to play a role in brokering a solution. But North Korea has repeatedly said it will only deal directly with the United States, and has largely shunned overtures from other countries.

Meanwhile, the United States continued its efforts to build an international coalition of support for taking the nuclear standoff before the U.N. Security Council.

U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton arrived in Tokyo on Thursday to meet Japanese officials. A day earlier, Bolton said he won support from South Korea and it was only "a matter of time" before the Security Council addresses the issue.

Mexico quake kills 28

With many crowded in shelters or beginning to clean rubble from their shattered homes, residents of Mexico's Colima state mourned the dead from a quake that killed 28, and left about 10,000 people homeless.

Soldiers and sailors fanned out Thursday in Colima, 300 miles west of Mexico City, to help residents and survey the damage.

The quake injured an estimated 300 people and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes.

President Vicente Fox toured the devastated neighborhoods Wednesday, promising to help rebuild the houses from newer, stronger materials that would withstand the force of future quakes.

British, Irish leaders meet

LONDON — The leaders of Britain and Ireland met Thursday for "hugely important" talks aimed at reviving Northern Ireland's suspended Catholic-Protestant administration.

Emerging from British Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office, Irish premier Bertie Ahern said many difficulties remained but he was determined to restore the administration.

Last October, Britain stripped power from the province's power-sharing administration — which included two parties each from the British Protestant and Irish Catholic sides of the community — after police accused Catholic hard-liners of spying on their colleagues and gathering intelligence for the Irish Republican Army.

Protestant politicians had threatened to resign from the coalition, an act that could have destroyed the main achievement of Northern Ireland's 1998 Good Friday peace agreement. Instead, Britain's Oct. 14 suspension kept the coalition intact for potential revival.

2 stowaways fall from plane

SHANGHAI, China — Two people described as foreigners were killed Thursday when they fell out of an airplane as it prepared to land in Shanghai, the government said.

The two crawled out of the plane's luggage hold and toppled from the undercarriage of Flight AF112 from Paris to Shanghai, the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing a preliminary investigation by police officials. AF112 was an Air France flight from Paris, the airline said.

The unidentified people fell onto a house in the Laoxiang neighborhood of Shanghai's Nanhui District, Xinhua said. It was not clear if anyone on the ground was injured.

Little good news at world economic summit

The Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — Global economic and political leaders who gathered for their annual mountaintop meeting Thursday heard a depressing prognosis for the world economy, and blamed the situation on one country: the United States.

"Sadly, it's a U.S. story," said Stephen Roach, chief economist at Morgan Stanley in New York, one of five prominent forecasters on a panel to set the scene on the world economy.

With the U.S. economy "still mired in a post-bubble hangover," he said, "the world is going to remain a sluggish place."

The gloomy view reflected the mood at the World Economic Forum, back in the Swiss Alpine resort of Davos after it was held last year in New York in a show of post-Sept. 11 solidarity.

A year of corporate scandals, executive sackings and turbulent markets, along with the threat of terrorism and

fears of war in Iraq, cast a pall over this year's meeting, whose motto is "Building Trust."

About 2,300 participants are expected, down from 3,200 two years ago. About two dozens heads of state signed up, down from more than 30 in 2001.

Organizers even called off Saturday's traditional black-tie evening gala; jazz guitarist Larry Woodley will play and sing the blues Friday night instead.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is to arrive on Saturday, but won't get a chance to smooth out differences over Iraq with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin, who announced Thursday he was canceling his trip.

De Villepin is too busy with Ivory Coast peace talks in Paris and a weekend summit of West African leaders and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Foreign Ministry spokesman Francois Rivasseau said.

Economists at the morning session warned that the threat of war was also the big unknown threatening economic recovery in 2003.

From The Associated Press

FOOTBALL

SAN DIEGO — Two days after fining Jeremy Shockey \$10,000 for tossing a cup of ice at fans, Commissioner Paul Tagliabue honored the New York Giants tight end with the NFL Rookie of the Year Award.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher, coaching the AFC in the Feb. 2 Pro Bowl in Honolulu, ensured the Titans have a player there: defensive end Kevin Carter. The Titans were snubbed in the original voting, despite winning the AFC South.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia — Facing two match points and down two breaks in the deciding semifinal set against Kim Clijsters, Serena Williams had almost given up on winning her fourth consecutive major to complete her "Serena Slam."

"I really didn't think I'd win it at that stage," Williams said. "I just kept fighting, one point at a time. Next thing I knew, the match was over."

Then the top-ranked Serena stepped up a gear, winning the last six games against the Belgian for a 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 semifinal victory Thursday at the Australian Open.

For the fourth consecutive Grand Slam event, Williams will face sister Venus in the final. Venus advanced with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over another Belgian, Justine Henin-Hardenne.

Andre Agassi breezed into his fourth Australian Open final, beating veteran South African Wayne Ferreira 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in the first semifinal.

Agassi will face the winner of the semifinal Friday between fellow American Andy Roddick and Germany's Rainer Schuettler.

Sports in brief

Roddick outlasted Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui 21-19 in the longest fifth set in Grand Slam history Wednesday night. The set lasted 2 hours, 23 minutes and the match took 4:59.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas coach Jody Conradt became just the second women's coach to reach 800 career victories night when the 17th-ranked Longhorns beat No. 7 Texas Tech 69-58.

Conradt joined Tennessee's Pat Summitt (802) as the only women's coaches in the 800-victory club. Summitt got in Jan. 14 with a victory over DePaul.

The 61-year-old Conradt is 800-262 in 34 seasons, with one national championship.

BASEBALL

MIAMI — Ivan Rodriguez says he's healthy, and the Florida Marlins must agree.

The cost-conscious Marlins expanded their payroll by signing the 10-time All-Star catcher to a \$10 million, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES — Former New York sports executive David Checketts has made a reported \$650 million offer to buy the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Los Angeles Times reported.

BASKETBALL

NEW ORLEANS — Michael Jordan passed Wilt Chamberlain for third place in career NBA scoring as the Washington Wizards played the New Orleans Hornets.

Jordan's career scoring was at 31,420 points in his 1,032nd regular season game.

Chamberlain scored 31,419 points in 1,045 regular season games.

Jordan now trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387) and Karl Malone (35,487).

HOCKEY

RALEIGH, N.C. — Rod Brind'Amour, the Carolina Hurricanes' leading scorer, underwent successful surgery on his injured right hand and is expected to be out three months.

DENVER — Colorado Avalanche captain Joe Sakic will be out two-to-four weeks because of a broken right foot.

NEW YORK — The New York Rangers and New York Islanders were each fined \$25,000 for two pregame altercations a night earlier.

CHICAGO — Theo Fleury said he'd made a "bad choice" and was ready to accept the consequences after Ohio police said he was intoxicated following an altercation at a strip club.

Fleury was suspended for the first 25 games of the season after violating the NHL's substance abuse aftercare program.

CALGARY, Alberta — The Calgary Flames traded forward Jamie Wright to the Philadelphia Flyers and acquired defenseman Mike Mottau from the New York Rangers in separate deals.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS — Former CART series

champion Jimmy Vasser and highly touted rookie Ryan Hunter-Reay will be teammates this season on the new American Spirit team.

The team owned and directed by former Formula One and CART driver Stefan Johansson of Sweden is the only one in CART with American drivers.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Years of breathing fumes in a race car has given NASCAR driver Rick Mast carbon monoxide poisoning that will end his career.

Mast has not raced since May. He made 364 starts over a 15-year Winston Cup career.

GOLF

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Opponents of Augusta National's all-male membership claimed victory after the defeat of a proposal that would have hindered protests planned for the Masters.

County officials split 5-5 on a plan to require demonstrators to give at least 30 days notice of their plans to picket, and for the sheriff to approve the application within 10 business days. The five commissioners who opposed the ordinance are back.

OLYMPICS

ATHENS, Greece — The government ended talks on a crucial security system for the 2004 Olympics, leaving the project's fate unclear.

The government mainly has been looking at offers from two multinational companies for a security system — thought to be worth up to \$400 million. The government, however, apparently wants to spend about \$200 million.

From The Associated Press

R. Kelly arrested again

R&B star **R. Kelly** was arrested Wednesday in **Miami** on new child pornography charges after **Polk County** investigators said they found 12 photographs of a nude girl in one of his Central **Florida** summer homes.

The 36-year-old Grammy-winning artist, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, was in South Florida to film a video for his latest hit, "Ignition."

The singer, who was nominated for a Grammy this year for the song "The World's Greatest," was already out on bond after an arrest in June on 21 counts of child pornography. That indictment came out of **Chicago** four months after the Chicago Sun-Times gave police a 26-minute videotape — sent to the newspaper anonymously — that authorities say shows Kelly having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

Kelly, whose main home is in Chicago, says he is not the man on the tape. One of his attorneys says the "young lady" in the video is an adult.

The charges Wednesday stem from the original investigation.

Col. Grady Judd of the Polk County Sheriff's Office said the 12 digital images were stored on a camera seized in June during a search at one of two homes Kelly owns in **Davenport**, about 35 miles southwest of **Orlando**.

"Of the 12 images, R. Kelly is engaged in sexual conduct or lewd activity with

Faces 'n' places

the child in at least three," Judd told The Miami Herald. The other nine shots are nudes of the girl, Judd said.

Props to police

Police investigating the killing of **Jam Master Jay** are doing "an excellent job," said DMC of the rap group **Run-DMC**.

No arrests have been made in the shooting death of the group's disc jockey, whose real name was **Jason Mizell**. The 37-year-old was shot execution-style on Oct. 30 in his **Queens, N.Y.**, recording studio.

DMC, whose real name is **Darryl McDaniels**, was optimistic that the killer would be caught.

"You know a lot of people think that cops are the enemy and they really don't care. But the police that are working on Jay's death are doing an excellent job," DMC said in an interview with MTV News. "You got hope that if the cops don't catch them, the streets will. ... Eventually, we will know who did it and boom bang."

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Tuesday he had nothing new to report on the case.

Franklin fire fiasco

Aretha Franklin didn't cooperate with authorities investigating a fire that de-

stroyed her \$1.6-million mansion, according to a police report.

The **Bloomfield Township, Mich.**, police report shows officers were rebuffed repeatedly while trying to interview Franklin after the Oct. 25 blaze, The Detroit News reported.

On the morning of the fire at the vacant home used for storage, according to the report, Franklin twice told detectives by phone that she was "too tired" to talk and would call back.

When she did not, detectives left a message and were contacted by attorney **Elbert Hatchett of Pontiac**, who said the 60-year-old singer declined to be interviewed, the report said Monday.

During the most recent conversation between police and Hatchett on Thursday, the report said Franklin "was upset with the way this matter was being handled and would not be interviewed."

Cusack's delicate balance

Hollywood can be a tough balancing act, but actor **John Cusack** says it gets easier — once you're famous.

Cusack's latest film, "Max," is a case in point. In it, the actor plays a Jewish art dealer who befriends an art student — **Adolf Hitler**.

"It's a tough balancing act because you have to be in enough hit movies to be bankable enough to do the radical art project that you like," he told the Chicago Tribune in Sunday's editions.

From wire services

Fade to black

Is this Al Davis' last chance to 'just win, baby'?

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Al Davis is a rebel with a subpoena, as anti-establishment an owner as any sport will find. He has bedeviled the NFL off the field like no one else over the last 40 years, and he has succeeded on the field like no one else.

Now, at age 73 after a 19-year absence, he and his menacing Oakland Raiders are back in the Super Bowl for what some suspect might be his last time to "just win, baby," as Davis is famous for saying.

If they do, Davis will join the late Art Rooney of Pittsburgh with four Super Bowl victories, one behind Eddie DeBartolo of San Francisco, who has five. The Raiders already have the best winning percentage in pro football since 1963.

"He may even retire if we win this Super Bowl. I think that's a possibility," said Tim Brown, who has spent his entire 15-year NFL career with the Raiders. "He has done everything you can possibly do in this league. Everybody doubted him. It wouldn't surprise me to see him walk away from this game."

Don't ask Davis. For a high-profile owner, he avoids the spotlight. He gives few interviews, and when reporters do corner him, he just ignores any questions he doesn't want to answer. At a rare public appearance this week, for instance, he was asked if he was happy for Jon Gruden, who bolted Oakland after last season and now will

coach Tampa Bay against the Silver and Black on Sunday.

"I'm happy for the Raiders being here," Davis said.

Al Davis is hardly an NFL company man.

Not in the way he dresses — usually satin running suits, one white, one black, and the occasional black suit, black shirt and silver tie. Not in the way he wears his hair — slicked back with a '50s duck-tail. Not in the way he talks — Brooklynese with Southern inflection.

Not in the way he does business — on his own terms, always on his own terms.

Davis was the first NFL owner in the modern era to hire a black coach (Art Shell in 1989) and the first to have a Hispanic coach (Tom Flores, 1979-1987). The Raiders also have the league's only female chief executive, Amy Trask.

There is no doubt, though, that Davis has the real power, and that can be difficult to deal with.

As the only NFL owner who was a head coach, he torments his coaches, whether it be hands-on at practice or occasionally sending orders down during games. "Get down on the field and tell Art to get Smith back in the game," he told an aide during a game in Denver when Shell was head coach.

When Gruden got frustrated by Davis' interference and left after four seasons, Davis — as usual — came out a winner. He got two first-round draft

picks, two seconds and \$8 million to let Gruden go.

Davis has been battling the NFL since the 1960s, first as a coach in the rival American Football League, then as AFL commissioner and finally as an NFL owner looking for lucrative markets in northern and southern California.

He sued when the league tried to block him from moving the Raiders from Oakland to Los Angeles in 1982.

Now he's suing not only for the city he left, but also the city he returned to. Even though he moved back to Oakland in 1995 after 13 seasons in Los Angeles, he still claims rights to the L.A. market and is seeking \$1.2 billion in damages from the NFL in that case.

He is suing Oakland for failing to deliver sellouts they promised to get the Raiders back.

Davis can joke about his reputation. During a dedication ceremony Tuesday at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium, he recalled how the late Jack Murphy, sports editor of the San Diego Union, badgered him in the early '60s to get the AFL to move the Chargers from Los Angeles to San Diego.

"At that time, I said I thought it was a good idea," Davis said with a smile. "You know I'm for moving teams."

If other owners and league executives brand Davis a football renegade, friends and former players find him the epitome of loyalty.

When his wife, Carol, had a serious heart attack a quarter-century ago, he moved into her hospital room and lived there for more than a month. And

when he hears that even a distant acquaintance is ill, he'll offer medical help without worrying about expense.

Always obsessed with illness and death, he has been preoccupied lately with the passing of several long-time friends — ex-Raider Dave Dalby, publicist Irv Kaze, sports writer Will McDonough and Davis' one-time coaching mentor, Sid Gillman.

"I can control most things, but I don't seem to be able to control death," Davis said in a recent conversation.

"Everybody seems to be going on me." Davis is most absorbed by winning championships, something his team hasn't done since beating Washington 38-9 in the Super Bowl in 1984. The closest the Raiders have come since was a loss to Baltimore in the AFC title game two years ago.

The most valuable player in that 1984 game was Marcus Allen, a leading candidate for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in voting that will take place Saturday.

But for all of Davis' loyalty, Allen is unlikely to go in as a Raider.

For reasons never made clear, Davis took a dislike to his star running back and ordered him benched for two seasons. He released him after the 1992 season, and Allen went to Kansas City.

Davis' only comment: "He was a cancer on the team."

The small incorporated city of Irwindale, 20 miles east of Los Angeles, learned an expensive lesson about dealing with Davis. The city gave the Raiders \$10 million to show its good faith in 1988, but environmental issues, financing problems and regional opposition scuttled plans to turn a gravel pit into a \$115 million, 65,000-seat stadium. The deposit was nonrefundable, and Irwindale never got a penny back.

LB Brooks helped transform 'Yuccaneers'

BY CAM INMAN

Contra Costa Times (Walnut Creek, Calif.)

SAN DIEGO — As 100 reporters encircled Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Warren Sapp on Super Bowl media day, linebacker Derrick Brooks sat at the neighboring podium and entertained his, well, much smaller gathering.

"All 12 of y'all can go over there too, and I'll be fine," Brooks said at Qualcomm Stadium, site of Sunday's Super Bowl between the Buccaneers and Raiders.

Brooks might not have drawn a crowd, but he's far from overlooked. He was the Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year this season, so it's not as if he's worried about garnering respect.

Go back to 1996, however. The Buccaneers were 2-8 when they arrived in San Diego to face the Chargers, and an ESPN pregame show provided Brooks with what he still calls one of the low points of his eight-year career.

"We were being made fun of, being called the 'Yuccaneers' on a pregame show," Brooks said. "We were the laughingstock of that segment and we took it personal."

At that point, Brooks said, he and Sapp became determined to reverse the Buccaneers' fortunes. They beat the Chargers, 25-17, won three more games that year and since have reached the playoffs in five of the past six seasons.

"It's quite ironic that we've kind of come full circle," Brooks said. "We have not been here [in San Diego] since then, and now we're back here in the biggest stage ever to win a championship and bring this franchise full circle. From the laughingstock to the best in the world."

Brooks undoubtedly is among the best in the NFL. But is he better than Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, who led his team to the Super Bowl title two years ago?

"Derrick Brooks is a great linebacker, but Ray has a little more speed," said former Ravens defensive tackle Tony Siragusa, now a broadcaster.

It didn't take long for first-year Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden to realize what he had in Brooks.

"He made a couple tackles against [St. Louis Rams running back] Marshall Faulk on Monday night [Sept. 23] that blew my mind. I couldn't contain myself," Gruden said. "He said he does that every Sunday. I

don't know how he hasn't won that [defensive player of the year award] before. He's great in coverage. He's an unbelievable tackler. This football team follows Derrick Brooks."

Many opponents found themselves chasing after Brooks this season.

He scored four touchdowns on turnovers, three off interceptions and one off a fumble recovery.

Brooks averaged 10.6 tackles per game, and he landed his sixth Pro Bowl invitation.

"I'm not a guy that goes out and seeks attention," Brooks said.

"If I go on the field, I try to prove myself there. Obviously I've put up great numbers over my career. The time was now for me to win [defensive player of the year]."

But there's something more precious he wants to win.

"I want that [championship] ring," Brooks said.

Brooks next fielded a question from former Raiders defensive back George Atkinson. As Atkinson spoke, Brooks couldn't help but glare at Atkinson's ring from winning the 1976 season's Super Bowl.

"I don't have to say much," Brooks said. "I just go on the field and do what I do."

Cochran: NFL can do more to hire minorities

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Attorney Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. is pushing NFL teams to make sure they follow a new policy requiring interviews of minorities for coaching vacancies.

Of the three teams with new head coaches, only the Cincinnati Bengals followed the policy before hiring Marvin Lewis, who is black, Cochran said Wednesday.

"We're saying the NFL has done a reasonable job to this point," he said. "They can do better. They've got to enforce the rules that they've set."

Cochran and attorney Cyrus Mehri

were joined by former NFL stars Warren Moon and Kellen Winslow, who said they were sensitive to the subject of minority hiring.

Cochran and Mehri led the push to accelerate the pace of minority hiring in the NFL for coaches, general managers and player personnel directors.

Cochran and Mehri said they don't think the Jacksonville Jaguars followed the NFL's procedure in hiring Jack Del Rio as head coach.

They called the hiring of Bill Parcells by the Dallas Cowboys "probably a foregone conclusion," and said the Cowboys didn't follow the process because they spoke with Dennis Green by telephone and thereby failed to grant him a "comparable interview."

"What we've asked the league is to put some teeth behind it, and if the owners are really serious, to level the playing field," Cochran said.

The NFL disagreed with the contention the Jaguars and Cowboys failed to follow procedures.

"We believe that both Dallas and Jacksonville conducted a thorough and fair search, and in doing so met the expectations of the diversity committee and it's working group," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Cochran said Jacksonville owner Wayne Weaver indicated he was looking for someone with head coaching experience and an offensive background.

"We were surprised that he totally changed direction by selecting a coach with a defensive background and without head coaching experience," Cochran said in a report he sent to NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Del Rio was defensive coordinator at Carolina for one season.

Weaver said he interviewed Green, who is black.

Only two of 32 NFL offensive coordinators are black. "That's shameful," Cochran said.

The NFL's new policy, announced in late December, said owners agreed they would "seriously" interview at least one minority candidate for each coaching vacancy.

Bucks 106, Celtics 97

BOSTON — Ray Allen scored 34 points and Sam Cassell had his second career triple-double as Milwaukee capitalized on the absence of Antoine Walker to defeat Boston 106-97 Wednesday night.

Walker was sidelined with a sprained right knee, only the 11th game he's missed in his 6½ NBA seasons. Milwaukee lost forward Tim Thomas to a sprained right shoulder with 4:33 left in the second quarter but had plenty of offense without him.

Cassell had 14 points, 16 assists and 11 rebounds, while Michael Redd added 16 points. Allen scored 14 points with three three-pointers in the third quarter when Milwaukee stretched a 56-54 lead to 84-76.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 30 points.

Pacers 101, Raptors 98

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal had a rare triple-double with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocked shots, and made the winning three-point play in the final 3.2 seconds to lead Indiana over Toronto.

Erick Strickland scored 19 points and Reggie Miller 16 as the Eastern Conference-leading Pacers (30-12) couldn't shake the lowly Raptors until the final seconds.

It was Miller who opened the lane for O'Neal to score the easy basket in the closing seconds. Miller flattened Antonio Davis, leaving O'Neal wide open for a dunk. He hit the free throw to make it 100-97.

Toronto's Lindsey Hunter made a free throw and missed the second intentionally. Ron Artest grabbed the rebound, hit one of two to seal the victory and improve Indiana's home record to a league-best 19-1.

76ers 92, Pistons 83

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Allen Iverson scored 11 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter to help the 76ers to a rare victory over Detroit.

The victory was just Philadelphia's third in 11 games and ended a three-game losing streak to Detroit.

The game was tied at 76-76 before Eric Snow hit a short jump shot with 3:23 remaining. After a Detroit miss, Aaron McKie's putback gave the Sixers a four-point lead. The lead was still four, 82-78, when Cliff Robinson was called for an offensive foul with 1:24 remaining. Robinson then fouled Iverson, who made both free throws to put the Sixers up by six.

No. 1 Arizona 71, Arizona State 63

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jason Gardner scored 19 points to lead No.

1 Arizona, which nearly blew a 26-point second-half lead before holding off Arizona State 71-63 on Wednesday night.

The Sun Devils were down 51-25 with 14:26 to play, but they outscored Arizona 31-10 over a 9:14 span to cut the lead to 61-56 on Kenny Crandall's second consecutive three-pointer with 5:09 to play.

After missing five straight free throws, the Wildcats (14-1, 7-0 Pac-10 Conference) finally put the game away at the foul line.

Gardner was 6-for-6 at the line over the final 2:49. Rick Anderson made two free throws that made it 67-60 with 49 seconds remaining.

Luke Walton and Channing Frye each added 13 points for Arizona.

Curtis Millage scored 20 points and freshman Ike Diogu had 15 for Arizona State (12-6, 4-3).

Arizona State lost at Arizona for the 15th time in its past 16 tries.

N.C. State 80, No. 3 Duke 71

RALEIGH, N.C. — Clifford Crawford scored 21 points and Julius Hodge added 18 as North Carolina State snapped a 13-game losing streak to Duke.

The Blue Devils (12-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) were the nation's top-ranked team a week ago, but lost their second straight conference game for the first time since 1997. Duke lost to No. 12 Maryland by 15 points on Saturday.

Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek was 1-15 against Duke in his career — his only victory coming in the

NBA

After Robinson split a pair of free throws, Iverson hit a jumper over Chauncey Billups to clinch the victory.

Knicks 97, Nuggets 88

NEW YORK — Allan Houston scored 24 of his 37 points in the first half and New York pulled away from Denver in the third quarter.

Latrell Sprewell added 17 and the Knicks shot 10-for-19 on three-pointers to win their third straight despite foul trouble that gave Denver an advantage inside.

Juwan Howard scored 28 and Donnell Harvey had 19 for the Nuggets, who outrebounded the Knicks 35-32 and led by as many as nine points in the third quarter before falling to New York's outside shooting. Denver has lost five straight on the road and has not defeated an Eastern Conference opponent on the road in eight chances this season.

Heat 92, Suns 85

MIAMI — Brian Grant had 16 points and 10 rebounds as Miami overcame the absence of Eddie Jones and held off the road-weary Phoenix.

Grant, playing with a sprained right thumb, led a balanced attack to help offset the loss of the Heat's leading scorer, Jones, who missed the game because of the flu. Caron Butler added 13 points and Malik Allen 12 to help the Heat win for the fifth time in their past six home games.

The Heat's bench also provided a spark, with Mike James scoring 15 points and LaPhonso Ellis adding 10.

Shawn Marion led the Suns with 27 points to go along with nine rebounds.

Timberwolves 96, SuperSonics 91

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett scored 20 points as Minnesota finally put together a three-game winning streak, overcoming a strong performance by Gary Payton to beat Seattle.

The Timberwolves won three straight for the first time in 10 tries this season.

Rasho Nesterovic scored 18 points for the Wolves while Joe Smith, Wally Szczerbiak and Hudson each added 16.

Payton led Seattle with 20 points and 13 assists and went 10-for-13 from the floor. Desmond Mason added 14 points.

Magic 94, Bulls 91

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady had 31 points and seven assists as Orlando overcame a dismal fourth quarter to beat Chicago.

Mike Miller added 17 points for Orlando, which went more than 10 minutes of the fourth quarter without a field goal. The Magic survived by making 15 of 24 free throw attempts in the final period.

Jalen Rose had 28 points for Chicago, 20 of them in the second half when the Bulls nearly erased a 13-point deficit. Marcus Fizer and Rick Brunson came off the bench to score 17 points apiece for Chicago, which has won only twice in 22 road games.

Trail Blazers 112, Hawks 110 (2OT)

ATLANTA — Bonzi Wells banked in a running one-hander with 1.4 seconds remaining in double overtime to give Portland a victory over Atlanta.

Wells was dribbling at the top of the key when he drove past Corey Benjamin and hit a 6-foot shot to give the Blazers their fourth victory in five games. Atlanta lost its sixth straight.

Derek Anderson had 21 points to lead Portland.

Abdur-Rahim led the Hawks with 27 points and 11 rebounds. Jason Terry had 23 and 11 assists, and Dion Glover, making his second start of the season, had a season-high 21.

Grizzlies 98, Spurs 93

SAN ANTONIO — Pau Gasol had 28 points and 17 rebounds as Memphis defeated San Antonio for the first time in nearly six years, snapping a 21-game losing streak to the Spurs.

Memphis hadn't defeated the Spurs since Feb. 12, 1997, when the franchise was based in Vancouver. The Grizzlies are now 4-26 against San Antonio.

Jason Williams added 18 points, 10 assists and no turnovers, while Drew Gooden started in place of Shane Battier and had 12 points.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 30 points and 21 rebounds. Stephen Jackson scored 17, David Robinson 11, Tony Parker 10 and Malik Rose 10.

The game was close all the way, with 14 lead changes and 20 ties. Memphis took the lead for good when Williams hit a pair of free throws with 8:20 left to make it 74-73.

Clippers 96, Jazz 89

SALT LAKE CITY — Elton Brand had 24 points and 10 rebounds as the Los Angeles Clippers won in Utah for the first time in nearly 14 years.

The Clippers had lost their previous 26 games in Utah since defeating the Jazz at the old Salt Palace on April 18, 1989.

Overall, the Clippers had lost 15 successive games to the Jazz.

Andre Miller scored 16 and Corey Maggette had 13 points, including two free throws with 16.2 seconds remaining that sealed the victory.

Los Angeles outrebounded Utah 50-39 to snap the Jazz's four-game winning streak.

Hornets 103, Wizards 94

NEW ORLEANS — Jamal Mashburn scored 24 points, and Jamaal Magloire added 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead New Orleans over Washington and spoil a milestone for Michael Jordan.

Jordan scored 18 points to pass Wilt Chamberlain as the NBA's third all-time scorer. He passed Chamberlain's total of 31,419 points with a minute left in the first half. But Jordan would score only four points the rest of the way and his team fell behind by as many as 22 before rallying in the fourth period to keep from getting blown out. Jordan was 1-for-7 in the second half.

David Wesley scored 19 for New Orleans, hitting four three-pointers, while Baron Davis finished with 14.

Warriors 114, Lakers 110

LOS ANGELES — Antawn Jamison scored 30 points and Earl Boykins had five of his 16 points in the final 38 seconds as Golden State held on for a victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

Kobe Bryant hit a three-pointer with 7.1 seconds remaining to pull Los Angeles to 112-110, but the Lakers had to foul and Jason Richardson made two free throws for the final margin.

Richardson added 17 points for Golden State, which won for the ninth time in 14 games and pulled within one game of the Lakers for fourth place in the Pacific Division.

Shaquille O'Neal had 28 points and nine rebounds and Fisher had 24. Bryant, who missed practice this week because of tendinitis in his right knee, scored 23 — but just five after halftime.

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College basketball

1997 ACC tournament. But the Wolfpack (10-4, 3-1) pulled off the upset with some clutch outside shooting.

Crawford came in 3-for-12 from three-point range this season, but the senior guard was 4-for-5 Wednesday.

Duke freshman J.J. Redick had 20 of his 24 points in the first half.

No. 5 Florida 87, Vanderbilt 75

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — David Lee had 22 points and Florida extended its winning streak to 12 games.

The Gators (16-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) are off to the best start in school history.

Anthony Roberson added 20 points for Florida, which won its 14th straight home game.

Matt Freije had 21 points for Vanderbilt (8-8, 1-4), which has lost five of six against ranked opponents this season.

Colorado 60, No. 6 Kansas 59

BOULDER, Colo. — Stephane Pelle scored 27 points, including the short jumper with 25 seconds left that gave Colorado the upset that snapped the Buffaloes' 27-game losing streak to the Jayhawks.

Colorado (12-5, 2-2 Big 12), which hadn't beaten Kansas since 1991, also got 17 points from Michel Morandais.

Nick Collison had 16 points for Kansas (13-4, 3-1), which shot 33 percent in having its 10-game winning streak ended.

Kansas took a 53-60 lead with 6:38 remaining after a 9-0 run, and the Jayhawks were still up 57-53 with 3:17 left, but the Buffs outscored Kansas 7-2 the rest of the way.

No. 8 Kentucky 67, No. 24 Auburn 51

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Gerald Fitch scored 15 of his 16 points in the second half and Keith Bogans and Jules Camara each added 13 for Kentucky, which won its eighth straight.

The Wildcats (14-3, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) are off to their best start in league play since the 1997-98 team won its first eight SEC games. That Kentucky team — coach Tubby Smith's first — went on to win the program's seventh national championship.

Marco Killingsworth scored 19 points to lead the Tigers (15-3, 4-1), who had a nine-game winning streak snapped and committed a season-high 26 turnovers.

No. 9 Louisville 71, DePaul 43

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Reece Gaines scored 14 points and the Cardinals won their 12th straight.

Louisville (13-1, 5-0 Conference USA) held DePaul to 34 percent shooting, the 10th straight game it held an opponent below 40 percent. Louisville forced 17 turnovers and blocked eight shots to extend its winning streak over DePaul (10-5, 2-2) to 13 games.

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NHL

Capitals 5, Hurricanes 3

WASHINGTON — Jaromir Jagr had two goals and an assist as Washington beat slumping Carolina 5-3 Wednesday.

Olaf Kolzig made 35 saves for his 200th career victory. The Capitals snapped a four-game winless streak and moved 11 points ahead of Carolina, the defending Eastern Conference champion, in the Southeast Division.

The Hurricanes have lost eight successive games and are 0-3 against the Capitals this season. Carolina trailed 4-1 midway through the third period before two goals by Josef Vasecek made it close.

Ivan Ciernik and Jeff Halpern also scored for the Capitals. Ron Francis had the other Hurricanes goal.

Canadiens 2, Lightning 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Dave Andreychuk scored an unassisted power-play goal in the final 55 seconds of regulation as Tampa Bay rallied to tie Montreal.

Ruslan Fedotenko also scored for Tampa Bay.

Saku Koivu had a goal and an assist for the Canadiens, but was stopped by Nikolai Khabibulin on a penalty shot midway through the third period. Montreal's Richard Zednik scored the only goal of the first period.

The Canadiens have earned four of six possible points since Claude Julien replaced fired coach Michel Therrien.

Khabibulin is winless in five starts (0-3-2).

Senators 2, Panthers 1

SUNRISE, Fla. — Marian Hossa scored two goals to lead Ottawa over Florida.

Hossa, who leads the NHL with a career-high 33 goals, snapped a tie with 1:04 remaining. Ottawa nearly scored on a breakaway with 2:02 remaining when Daniel Alfredsson's shot hit the post. Patrick Lalime had 16 saves for Ottawa.

Jani Hurme made 15 saves for Florida, including a stop on Magnus Arvedsson's penalty shot in the first period. Ivan Majesky scored his first NHL goal to lift the Panthers into a 1-1 tie at 8:13 of the third period.

Stars 4, Blue Jackets 2

DALLAS — Mike Modano added to his list of franchise records, as Dallas extended its unbeaten streak to 12 with a victory over Columbus.

Modano tied Neal Broten when he stepped onto the ice for his 992nd game, then his second-period assist on a goal by Bill Guerin put Modano past Broten for the most assists in franchise history at 594.

Scott Young scored an unassisted, short-handed goal to make it 3-1. It was his 12th ever against Columbus.

The Western Conference-leading Stars are 9-0-3 since Dec. 26.

It's the longest unbeaten streak in the NHL this season and the third-best in franchise history.

Oilers 4, Red Wings 3 (OT)

EDMONTON, Alberta — Eric Brewer scored 1:42 into overtime to give the injury-riddled Edmonton a victory over Detroit.

Brewer took a pass from Jason Chmura in the slot and fired a wrist shot into the top corner over goaltender Curtis Joseph.

Anson Carter scored two goals for the Oilers — his second on the power play tied it four minutes into the third period.

Jani Rita also scored for Edmonton, which had six players out of the lineup due to injuries and illness.

Detroit's Brett Hull scored his 699th career goal, one short of the 700-goal club. Wayne Gretzky (894), Gordie Howe (801), Marcel Dionne (731), Phil Esposito (717) and Mike Gartner (708) are the only players to accomplish the feat. Igor Larianov had the other Red Wings goal.

Mighty Ducks 6, Kings 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Steve Rucchin and Marc Chouinard scored 55 seconds apart in the third period, and Petr Sykora scored with 3:25 remaining as Anaheim beat Los Angeles after blowing a three-goal lead.

Rucchin had two goals and an assist in his 500th NHL game. Paul Kariya also had two goals and two assists, helping the Ducks snap a nine-game winless streak against their Southern California rivals.

Ziggy Palffy and rookie Joe Corvo each had a goal and an assist during a four-goal second period against Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

Brad Norton, Steve Heinze and Brad Chartrand also scored for the Kings, who hasn't lost to the Ducks since March 4, 2001.

Devils 5, Sharks 4 (OT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Joe Nieuwendyk scored the tying goal with 13 seconds remaining in regulation and then won it in the final 28 seconds of overtime to rally New Jersey past San Jose Sharks.

Patrick Marleau and Adam Graves scored 33 seconds apart in the third period to give the Sharks a 4-3 lead. Owen Nolan added two goals as San Jose lost its third consecutive game and fell to 1-5-2-2 in the past 10 games.

Jeff Friesen scored a goal and added an assist as the Devils extended their season-best unbeaten streak to eight games. Scott Niedermayer and Sergei Brylin also scored for the Devils.

Friesen scored his fifth goal in six games following a nine-game scoreless drought.

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Scores/standings

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	28	13	.683	—
Boston	24	18	.571	4½
Philadelphia	22	20	.524	6½
Orlando	23	21	.523	6½
Washington	21	21	.500	7½
New York	17	23	.425	10½
Miami	15	27	.357	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	30	12	.714	—
Detroit	27	14	.659	2½
New Orleans	23	20	.535	7½
Milwaukee	20	21	.488	9½
Chicago	15	27	.357	15
Atlanta	14	28	.333	16
Toronto	10	33	.233	20½
Cleveland	8	35	.186	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	32	8	.800	—
San Antonio	26	15	.634	6½
Utah	25	16	.610	7½
Houston	23	17	.575	9
Minnesota	24	18	.571	9
Memphis	13	28	.317	19½
Denver	10	31	.244	22½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	31	11	.738	—
Portland	25	15	.625	5
Phoenix	25	18	.581	6½
L.A. Lakers	19	22	.463	11½
Seattle	18	22	.450	12
Golden State	18	23	.439	12½
L.A. Clippers	16	25	.390	14½

Wednesday's games

Milwaukee 106, Boston 97
Indiana 101, Toronto 98
Orlando 94, Chicago 91
Philadelphia 92, Detroit 83
Miami 92, Phoenix 85
New York 97, Denver 88
Minnesota 96, Seattle 91
Portland 112, Atlanta 110, 2OT
Memphis 98, San Antonio 93
L.A. Clippers 96, Utah 89
New Orleans 103, Washington 94
Golden State 114, L.A. Lakers 110

Men's basketball AP Top 25 Fared

Wednesday

1. Arizona (14-1) beat Arizona State 71-63. Next: at No. 6 Kansas, Saturday.
2. Pittsburgh (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
3. Duke (12-2) lost to N.C. State 80-71. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
4. Texas (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Missouri, Saturday.
5. Florida (16-2) beat Vanderbilt 87-75. Next: at LSU, Tuesday.
6. Kansas (13-4) lost to Colorado 60-59. Next: vs. No. 1 Arizona, Saturday.
7. Oklahoma (12-3) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Saturday.
8. Kentucky (14-3) beat No. 24 Auburn 67-51. Next: at No. 15 Alabama, Saturday.
9. Louisville (13-1) beat DePaul 71-43. Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.
10. Creighton (16-1) did not play. Next: at Evansville, Thursday.
11. Connecticut (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Saturday.
12. Maryland (11-4) beat North Carolina 81-66. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
13. Oklahoma State (15-1) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Sunday.

14. Indiana (14-3) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Saturday.

15. Alabama (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Kentucky, Saturday.

16. Notre Dame (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.

17. Wake Forest (12-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.

18. Illinois (13-3) beat Purdue 75-62. Next: at Penn State, Saturday.

19. Georgia (11-4) beat Tennessee 81-76, OT. Next: vs. No. 24 Auburn, Saturday.

20. Marquette (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.

21. Missouri (11-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Texas, Saturday.

22. Mississippi State (11-4) beat South Carolina 64-48. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.

23. Oregon (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.

24. Auburn (15-3) lost to No. 8 Kentucky 67-51. Next: at No. 19 Georgia, Saturday.

25. California (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern California, Thursday.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	27	11	8	1	63	120	99
New Jersey	28	12	3	3	62	120	92
N.Y. Islanders	21	19	5	2	49	131	140
Pittsburgh	20	19	4	5	49	129	137
N.Y. Rangers	20	23	6	1	47	127	147

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	31	11	5	1	68	160	104
Toronto	25	18	4	1	55	136	119
Boston	23	18	5	1	52	143	128
Montreal	19	19	6	5	49	129	144
Buffalo	14	23	7	2	37	100	119

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	22	18	6	3	53	139	136
Tampa Bay	19	18	7	4	49	133	139
Florida	14	17	9	8	45	109	141
Carolina	16	23	6	4	42	107	137
Atlanta	15	26	2	4	36	125	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	26	13	7	2	61	141	118
St. Louis	26	14	5	4	61	158	125
Chicago	21	16	8	3	53	114	113
Nashville	15	20	8	4	42	104	126
Columbus	18	24	4	2	42	138	151

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	28	15	5	0	61	151	125
Edmonton	23	15	5	6	57	137	131
Minnesota	24	16	7	1	56	120	104
Colorado	17	14	10	5	49	130	122
Calgary	16	22	7	3	42	103	131

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	27	10	11	1	66	151	97
Anaheim	20	17	7	4	51	118	120
Los Angeles	18	21	4	4	44	121	135
Phoenix	16	20	7	4	43	112	132
San Jose	16	20	6	5	43	124	146

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Wednesday's games

Washington 5, Carolina 3
Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie
Ottawa 2, Florida 1
Dallas 4, Columbus 2
Edmonton 4, Detroit 3, OT
New Jersey 5, San Jose 4, OT
Anaheim 6, Los Angeles 5

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Andre Brown had 16 points and 14 rebounds for DePaul.

No. 12 Maryland 81, North Carolina 66

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Drew Nicholas scored 20 points and Steve Blake added 17 for the Terrapins (11-4, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won for the third straight time in the series.

Rashad McCants had 26 points for the Tar Heels (11-6, 2-2).

No. 18 Illinois 75, Purdue 62

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Brian Cook scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half as Illinois snapped the Boilermakers' six-game winning streak.

College basketball continued

Illinois (13-3, 3-2 Big Ten) outscored the Boilermakers 18-6 over the final 6:46 after leading most of the game.

Willie Deane had 14 points on 3-for-11 shooting for Purdue (11-4, 3-1).

No. 19 Georgia 81, Tennessee 76 (OT)

ATHENS, Ga. — Ezra Williams scored 21 of Georgia's first 23 points in the second half, then Jarvis Hayes scored 10 straight for the Bulldogs in overtime.

Georgia (11-4, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) squan-

dered a five-point lead in the final minute of regulation as Tennessee's Jon Higgins made two straight three-pointers to send the game to overtime tied at 67.

Williams had 29 points and Hayes finished with 23 for Georgia, which won for the 10th time in 11 games. Ron Slay, the SEC's leading scorer, had 29 points for Tennessee (9-5, 2-3).

No. 22 Mississippi St. 64, South Carolina 48

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mario Austin scored 19 points to help the Bulldogs (11-4, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) overcome another sloppy performance to snap a three-game losing streak.

Kendrell Brown had 15 points for the Gamecocks (7-8, 1-4), who lost their fourth straight.

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